

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 5th October (meeting 12. 2011)

At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

Present:

J. Collins	President
S. Hinge	Vice President
S. Klofa	Vice President
R. Kingham	Secretary

C. Parkin (6.15)

J. Thompson

J. Magee

J. Rosen (6.00)

A. Stavik (6.15)

J. Hackett

Apologies, S. Stewart, G Schaller, N. Ewart, P. Fent

In Attendance : C. Lachman

Chairperson ; J.Collins

The meeting opened at 5.45pm

1 The minutes of the meeting of the 7th September were discussed.

1.1 The bridgemates have arrived and Laurie is testing them.

No letter has been received confirming their use in all club activities however J.Collins has spoken to Willem and assured the council that all is fine.

1.2 Jeannette has noted that she will contact Quentin Van Abbe

1.3 Simon has withdrawn from the 2011 IT committee

1.4 Cathie has sent all correspondence regarding the insurance cover to all affiliated clubs.

1.5 The minutes of the 7th September were ratified

Moved J. Thompson 2nd S. Klofa

2. Correspondence received from 7th Sept to 4th October was noted.

2.1 Correspondence sent from G. Schaller on the 5th October to council members was tabled by Jeannette as it had not been entered into the correspondence on the agenda due to its arrival after the agenda had been printed for distribution to the council.

S. Hinge informed the council that this email had been passed on to all members of the MTC as it made reference to the operation of this committee.

2.2 A formal response to the email will be sent to G Schaller by J. Collins

2.3 The issue of penalties for substitution was raised. The issue of having consistent rules for the handing out of penalties when substitute players were used was discussed

and it was noted that Laurie would speak to the council about these rules later during the meeting.

Unfortunately the meeting ran out of time to have this matter discussed further.

2.4 The issue of the passing of draft minutes of the MTC meeting to the council via the secretary was raised as a concern by R. Kingham as the draft minutes of the 15th June had not been passed on due to a MTC member instructing the minute taker of the meeting not to do so.

S. Hinge fully supported this decision not to pass on the draft minutes to the council because they were draft minutes only.

R. Kingham pointed out that earlier in the year she had obtained an opinion from the legal counsel with regards to this issue and had been informed that as long as the minutes were labelled “draft “ this was an acceptable action. This information had been passed on to the council at the time.

The reason for this was the timing of the MTC and council meetings and that often council had meetings before the minutes of the MTC could be ratified.

The issue of the MTC communicating to the council was discussed and that the MTC was accountable to the Council and not operating as an independent body was also mentioned.

At this point the discussion paper on committees, being prepared by J.Thompson, was cited as being in progress to deal with these issues and these issues will be addressed.

2.5 J. Collins made a statement from the chair to be entered into the minutes as follows:

In Jeannette’s opinion Geoff Schaller should be censured for his personal attacks via email.

2.6 Motion

That the council has acknowledged and read the email sent by G.Schaller on the 5th October and discussed its contents. A majority of the councillors present at the meeting are of the opinion that the content was inaccurate and offensive and that this should be conveyed to G.Schaller.

Moved ; J.Rosen 2nd A .Stavik

Motion carried.

3. Managers report

The managers report was tabled.

4. General Business

4.1 L.Kelso discussed with the council the 2012 calendar and sought council’s guidance in resolving some of the issues arising.

4.2 The issue of capitation fees from affiliated clubs was discussed and it was decided to increase this to \$5 per member. This figure includes a levy for the insurance cover obtained by the VBA covering all affiliated clubs and gst.

The meeting closed at 7.25

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd November